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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The following reference was cited on pages 2, 5, and 6 in the specification of the above-identified application:

FI 980221.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Finnish Official Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. The following references are cited:

U.S. Patent No. 4,451,147;

U.S. Patent No. 5,585,729;

U.S. Patent 6,067,151;

Finnish Patent Document No. 93583;

Finnish Patent Application No. 980221, cited above;

EP 0 836 092;

DE 42 14 572; and

DE 44 18 180.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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